THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) The authorization for construction of Dabhol-Bangalore natural gas pipeline has been granted to GAIL (India) Ltd. on 2.7.07. A provision has been kept by GAIL for a tap-off at Gokak near Chikodi for laying of a spur line from the tap-off point to Goa. Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) for this is under preparation.

(e) A reply has been sent to the Government of Goa on 26.3.08 by this Ministry in this regard.

Consumption of kerosene oil

3798. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumption of kerosene oil in the country is increasing every year;

(b) if so, the details of consumption of kerosene oil during each of the last three years;

(c) whether Government has made any assessment regarding reasons behind increase in consumption of kerosene oil every year;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to meet the increasing demand, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) The details of consumption of kerosene for the last three years are as under.

Figure in Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMTs)

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Consumption	9541	9474	9353

(c) to (e) Do not arise, in view of reply to parts (a) & (b) above, which shows declining trend in the consumption of kerosene oil in the country.

Shutting down of oilfields

3799. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 24-day shut-down of Mumbai offshore oil exploration fields, has resulted in reduction of nearly 11 Million Metric Standard Cubic gas per day during January, 2008;

(b) if so, whether such a situation has impacted LPG production by Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL), at two of its plants;

(c) whether a 24-day shut-down for offshore fields matches the internationally accepted standards; and

(d) what are the global shut-down durations of large offshore fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) A 24-days shutdown was scheduled at a platform of Mumbai Offshore in Bassein field in January, 2008 from 02.01.2008 to 25.01.2008 for hook-up, integration & commissioning activities of new BCP-B-2 booster compressor